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PATENT

In re Application of:

Rohit Patnaik

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Imaging

Group Art Unit: 2623

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, and in accordance with the duty of candor set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed along with a copy of completed PTO Form-1449.

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**I. U.S. PATENTS**

	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
1.	5,015,956	Jensen	May 14, 1991
2.	5,097,492	Baker et al.	March 17, 1992
3.	5,719,952	Rooks	February 17, 1998

**II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	<u>Patent Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
1.	WO 99/42818	WO	Nicolet Imaging	August 26, 1999



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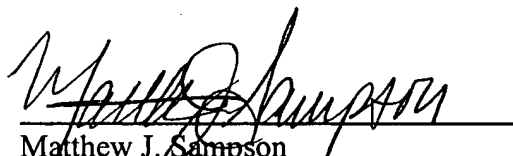
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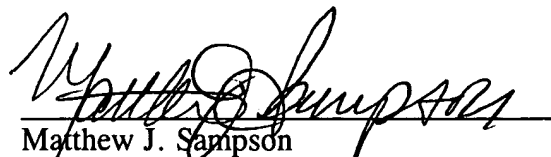
Discussion

Applicant submits that these documents, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest the claimed subject matter. The relevance, as it is presently understood by the undersigned, of each reference listed herein is that the references have been identified, in an International Search Report in a counterpart international application. A copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the entirety of each document and make them of record in this application. Applicant's submission of these documents for consideration is not to be construed as an admission that the documents qualify as prior art to the claimed subject matter, a representation that a search has been made, nor as an admission that the information is considered to be material to patentability.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the International Searching Authority in a counterpart international application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

  
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